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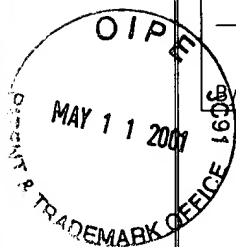
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JOE W. GRAY, COLIN COLLINS, SOO IN HWANG, TONY GODFREY, DAVID KOWEL, and JOHANNA ROMMENS

Application No.: 08/892,695

Filed: 07/15/1997

For: **GENES FROM THE 20Q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

Examiner: N. Johnson

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Copy of a revocation and substitute power of attorney with change in correspondence address filed on April 30, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

26. A method of screening for neoplastic cells in a sample, the method comprising:
contacting a nucleic acid sample from a human patient with a probe which hybridizes selectively to a target polynucleotide sequence consisting essentially of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ. ID. No. 9, and SEQ. ID. No. 10, wherein the probe is contacted with the sample under conditions in which the probe specifically hybridizes under

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